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May 26, 2005

Commander Mark A. Prescott
Department of Homeland Security
U.S. Coast Guard, Commandant (G-MSO-5)
Vessels and Facilities Operating Standards Division
2100 Second Street, SW
Washington, DC 20593-0001

Docket No: USCG-2004-18474

Dear Commander Prescott:

Pursuant to Section 309 of the Clean Air Act, the United States Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) is currently reviewing your agency's Draft Environmental Impact Statement (DEIS) for the proposed **Pearl Crossing Liquefied Natural Gas Deepwater Port Terminal and Pipeline Project**.

We understand that the comment period on the DEIS ends on **Tuesday, June 7, 2005**. However, due to the complexity of the subject matter, the controversial nature of this proposed action, and our preliminary consideration of giving an adverse rating, we do not have sufficient time to complete a thorough, coordinated, and comprehensive review of the document and meet your deadline. Therefore, we request EPA be granted a fifteen (15) day extension of the comment period ending **Wednesday, June 22, 2005**.

We hope this delay has not inconvenienced you; however, the additional time is warranted to assure that the environmental assessment requirements are adequately satisfied. If you have any questions, please call Mike Jansky of my staff at 214-665-7451 or E-mail him at jansky.michael@epepa.gov for further assistance.

Sincerely yours,

/s/

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Coordination

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TIME EXTENSION MEMO FORM

ERP NUMBER

D-COE-G3502-TX

**NAME OF EPA OFFICIAL
REQUESTING EXTENSION
(PRINCIPAL REVIEWER)**

Michael P. Jansky

TITLE OF PROJECT

**SHOAL POINT CONTAINER TERMINAL, TEXAS CITY, GALVESTON COUNTY,
TEXAS**

ORIGINAL DUE DATE

February 18, 2002

NEW DUE DATE

March 18, 2002

NAME OF PREPARING AGENCY

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OFFICIAL APPROVING EXCEPTION

**Sharon Tripak
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DATE OF APPROVAL

February 8, 2002